

a first wireless receiver,

a processor having a data input operatively connected to the first wireless receiver, and

a first wireless transmitter operatively connected to the processor, and

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a processor-less portable user interface module being detachably coupleable to the portable base computer, the portable user interface module comprising:

a second wireless receiver,

a two-dimensional display having a data input operatively connected to the second wireless receiver of the portable user interface module,

a user input device, and

a second wireless transmitter operatively connected to the user input device.

2 (Twice Amended). The portable computer system of claim 1 comprising a mechanical connector operative to hold the base computer in contact with the processor-less user interface module.

3 (Twice Amended). The portable computer system of claim 1 comprising an electrical connector operative to electrically connect the base computer to the processor-less user interface module.

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4 (Twice Amended). The portable computer system of claim 3 wherein the electrical connector comprises bypass contacts operative to bypass the wireless transmitters and receivers of the base computer and the processor-less user interface module.

5 (Twice Amended). The portable computer system of claim 1 wherein the base computer comprises a display primitive generator operatively connected between the processor and the wireless transmitter of the base computer, and wherein the display primitive generator is operative to send display primitives to the processor-less user interface module that are capable of displaying a pointing-device-driven, general-purpose, window-based operating system screen on the display of the processor-less user interface module.

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6 (Twice Amended). The portable computer system of claim 1 comprising at least a portion of a local area network operatively connected between the processor and the display, and wherein the base computer system is operative to communicate with the processor-less user interface module using packet traffic on the local area network.

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8 (Twice Amended). The portable computer system of claim 1 wherein the processor-less user interface device comprises a keyboard that comprises separate keys for all of the letters of the alphabet and the ten decimal digits.

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10 (Twice Amended). The portable computer system of claim 1 wherein the portable base computer comprises a rectangular housing for supporting its processor, receiver and transmitter, wherein the processor-less user interface module comprises a rectangular housing for supporting its display device, user input device, receiver and transmitter, and wherein one of the two largest faces of the housing of the base computer is of substantially the same size and shape as one of the two largest faces of the housing of the processor-less user interface module.

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portable base computer system comprises at least one battery connector that is
operatively connected to the processor and wherein the processor-less user interface
module includes at least one battery connector operatively connected to the display.

B4 13 (Twice Amended). A portable base computer system for use with a mobile

user interface module that comprises a two-dimensional display, a first wireless receiver,
a first wireless transmitter, a user input device, and a housing, the portable base computer
comprising:

a second wireless receiver constructed and adapted to communicate with the first
wireless transmitter of the user interface module,

a processor responsive to commands received from the second wireless receiver,
the processor configured to execute an application program and generate
results therefrom,

a second wireless transmitter responsive to the processor and constructed and
adapted to communicate with the wireless receiver of the user interface
module, and

a housing for holding the processor, the second wireless receiver, and the second wireless transmitter,

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wherein the portable base computer system does not comprise a display device operatively connected to the processor to display graphical information based on the results generated by the processor.

17 (Twice Amended). The portable base computer system of claim 13 wherein the portable base computer system comprises a display primitive generator to which the wireless transmitter of the base computer system is responsive to send display primitives to the user interface module, and wherein the display primitive generator is operative to send display primitives to display the graphical information on the display of the user interface module.

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21 (Twice Amended). A user interface module for use with a portable base computer system that comprises a processor to execute an application program, an obstacle-tolerant wireless transmitter, an obstacle-tolerant wireless receiver, and a housing bearing at least one docking connector, the user interface module comprising:

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an obstacle-tolerant wireless receiver constructed and adapted to communicate with the wireless transmitter of the portable base computer system,

a two-dimensional display responsive to the wireless receiver,

a user input device,

an obstacle-tolerant wireless transmitter responsive to the user input device, and

being constructed and adapted to communicate with the wireless receiver
to the portable base computer system, and

at least one docking connector constructed and adapted to mate directly to the
connector of the portable base computer system,

wherein the user interface module does not comprise a processor to execute an
application program.

28 (Twice Amended). The user interface module of claim 21 wherein the user
interface module comprises a display primitive decoder responsive to display primitives
received solely from the base computer system on the display.

30 (Twice Amended). A portable computer system, comprising:

portable means for processing application programs at a first location in response to user interface signals, the means for processing being readily transportable in hand luggage,

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first wireless communication means for transmitting results from the portable means for processing, and the first wireless communications means for relaying received user interface signals to the portable means for processing,

second wireless communication means for receiving the results from the first communication means and for transmitting the user interface signals to the first wireless communication means, and

portable user interface means responsive to the results received by the second wireless communication means to display graphical user interface constructs on a two-dimensional screen, wherein the portable user interface means comprises a first user input device to generate user interface signals, and wherein the portable means for processing does not comprise a second user input device to generate user interface signals.

36 (Twice Amended). A computing method, comprising the steps of:

processing application programs in a base computer system at a first location,

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communication method to a user interface module comprising a portable user input device, the user interface module being disposed remote from the base computer system,

displaying results of the step of communication on a screen of the user interface module,

together transporting the base computer system and the user interface module to a second location,

processing application programs in the base station at the second location,

again communicating results from the application programs to the user interface module, and

displaying results of the step of again communicating on a screen of the user interface module,

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wherein, at both the first location and the second location, the steps of processing application programs in the base station are performed in response only to user input signals generated via the portable user input device.

Please add new claims 41-55 as follows:

41 (New). A portable computer system, comprising:

a base unit;

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a portable user interface module detachably coupleable to the base unit, the portable user interface module comprising a user input device and a display device; and

only one processor responsive to user input signals input from the user input device,

wherein the only one processor is disposed within the base unit and is configured to respond to the user input signals input from the user input device regardless of whether the base unit is coupled to the portable user interface module or is detached from the portable user interface module.

42 (New). The portable computer system as recited in claim 41, wherein the user input device is the only user input device.

43 (New). The portable computer system as recited in claim 41, wherein the display device is the only display device, wherein the processor is configured to execute program code and produce results therefrom, and wherein the display device is configured to display visible indicia corresponding to the results regardless of whether the base unit is coupled to the portable user interface module or is detached from the portable user interface module.

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44 (New). The computer system as recited in claim 41, wherein the base unit comprises a first wireless receiver operatively coupled to the processor and a first wireless transmitter operatively coupled to the processor, and wherein the portable user interface module comprises a second wireless receiver operatively coupled to the display device and a second wireless transmitter operatively coupled to the user input device.

45 (New). A portable computer system, comprising:

a base unit comprising a processor to execute an application program and to
produce results therefrom;

only one display device to display visible indicia based on the results produced by
the processor; and

a portable user interface module detachably coupleable to the base unit, the
portable user interface module comprising the only one display device,

wherein the only one display device displays the visible indicia regardless of
whether the base unit is coupled to the portable user interface module or is
detached from the portable user interface module.

46 (New). The portable computer system as recited in claim 45, wherein the
portable user interface module comprises a user input device

47 (New). The portable computer system as recited in claim 46, wherein the
user input device is the only user input device, and wherein the processor is configured to
respond only to user input signals input via the only user input device regardless of
whether the base unit is coupled to the portable user interface module or is detached from
the portable user interface module.

48 (New). The portable computer system as recited in claim 45, wherein the display device is the only display device, wherein the processor is configured to execute program code and produce results therefrom, and wherein the display device is configured to display visible indicia corresponding to the results regardless of whether the base unit is coupled to the portable user interface module or is detached from the portable user interface module.

49 (New). The computer system as recited in claim 45, wherein the base unit comprises a first wireless receiver operatively coupled to the processor and a first wireless transmitter operatively coupled to the processor, and wherein the portable user interface module comprises a second wireless receiver operatively coupled to the display device and a second wireless transmitter operatively coupled to the user input device.

50 (New). A portable computer system, comprising:

only one user input device;

a base unit comprising a processor responsive to user input signals from the only one user input device; and

a portable user interface module detachably coupleable to the base unit, the portable user interface module comprising a display and the user input device,

wherein the processor is responsive only to user input signals that are input from the only one user input device regardless of whether the base unit is coupled to the portable user interface module or is detached from the portable user interface module.

51 (New). The portable computer system as recited in claim 50, wherein the display device is the only display device, wherein the processor is configured to execute program code and produce results therefrom, and wherein the display device is configured to display visible indicia corresponding to the results regardless of whether the base unit is coupled to the portable user interface module or is detached from the portable user interface module.

52 (New). The portable computer system as recited in claim 50, wherein the processor is the only processor.

53 (New). The computer system as recited in claim 50, wherein the base unit comprises a first wireless receiver operatively coupled to the processor and a first wireless transmitter operatively coupled to the processor, and wherein the portable user interface module comprises a second wireless receiver operatively coupled to the display device and a second wireless transmitter operatively coupled to the user input device.

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54 (New). The portable base computer system of claim 17, wherein the graphical information comprises a point-device-driven, general-purpose, window-based operating system.

55 (New). The user interface module of claim 28, wherein the display primitive decoder is response to display primitives received solely from the base computer system to display a point-device-driven, general-purpose, window-based operation system screen on the display.